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Dear Mr. Verb,

I am in receipt of the letter you sent to *The Nation* regarding my December 7th review.

To some degree, I'm afraid you will have to await my book for the fullest answer to your question(s) about the bullets in Dealey Plaza. The specific facts that you recite are accurate, but they don't add up to the conclusion you reach. The necessary ingredient that is missing is history, and the context which would explain the statements made by the Connallys, LBJ, Richard Russell and even Kellerman.

I will say this, however. If you take another look at the House Select Committee's final report, you will find (putting aside the phony acoustic evidence) that the panel concluded three shots were fired from the TSBD's 6th Floor by Oswald; of these, the first one missed the occupants of the Lincoln; the second hit both Messrs. Kennedy and Connally, and the third tore open the President's head. That conclusion tracks exactly with one of the alternatives put forward by the Commission in the Warren Report, and I submit is the only possible conclusion once all the factors are weighed.

To get down to brass tacks, I would like you to answer this question: if the bullet leaving President Kennedy's throat did not then hit Governor Connally, would you be so kind as to explain to me where it did go, traveling at a speed of approximately 1700 feet per second? A bullet that disappears-- not one that wounds two men, like military ammunition is designed to do--now that would have truly been a magic bullet.

I look forward to hearing your answer to this question.

Cordially,

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